

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method for producing L-histidine which comprises:
  - (a) culturing a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, having an ability to produce L-histidine and having resistance to 150 mg/l of an aminoquinoline derivative selected from the group consisting of chloroquine, amodiaquine, pentaquine, primaquine and the alkali metal salts of these compounds, in a culture medium;
  - (b) producing and accumulating L-histidine in the culture medium; and
  - (c) recovering L-histidine from the culture medium.
- 2 - 4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) The method ~~of~~ for producing L-histidine according to claim 11, wherein the microorganism is *Escherichia coli* H-9341 (FERM BP-6674).
6. (withdrawn) A microorganism having an ability to produce an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-alanine, L-valine, L-leucine, L-isoleucine, L-methionine, L-phenylalanine, L-proline, glycine, L-serine, L-threonine, L-cysteine, L-tyrosine, L-asparagine, L-glutamine, L-lysine, L-histidine, L-arginine, L-aspartic acid and L-glutamic acid and having resistance to an aminoquinoline derivative.
7. (withdrawn) The microorganism according to claim 6, wherein the aminoquinoline derivative is selected from the group consisting of chloroquine, amodiaquine, pentaquine, primaquine and the alkali metal salts of these substances.

8. (withdrawn) The microorganism according to claim 6, wherein the amino acid is L-histidine.

9. (withdrawn) The microorganism according to any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the microorganism is selected from the group consisting of genera *Serratia*, *Corynebacterium*, *Arthrobacter*, *Microbacterium*, *Bacillus* and *Escherichia*.

10. (withdrawn) *Escherichia coli* H.-9341 (FERN BP-6674).

11. (currently amended) The method for producing L-histidine according to Claim 1, wherein the aminoquinoline derivative is primaquine ~~and the microorganism belongs to the genus *Escherichia*~~.

12. (new) The method for producing L-histidine according to Claim 1, wherein the microorganism is *Escherichia coli*.